AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~Disclosed are a system and a method for automatically configuring client devices. A client device queries a user whether the user has an existing service provider. If the user does not have the existing service provider, the client device provides the user with a list of service providers. If the user specifies a service provider or the user selects a service provider from the list of service providers, the~~ A user of a client device selects a service provider from a plurality of available service providers. The client device <u>then</u> queries the user for <u>the</u> user's information ~~data~~ and formats the user's information ~~data~~ into a predetermined data structure and ~~data~~ format. ~~Further, the~~ <u>The</u> client device connects to the service provider ~~selected by the user~~ and sends the formatted user's information ~~data~~ to the service provider. ~~Upon a reception of the user's information data from the client device, the~~ <u>The</u> service provider <u>responsively creates</u> ~~provides~~ configuration data <u>and provides it</u> to the client device. ~~Further, the client device uses the~~ <u>The</u> configuration data <u>is used</u> to configure a plurality of applications ~~and enables~~ <u>on the</u> client device, allowing the user ~~of the client device~~ to establish future communication sessions with the service provider ~~selected by the user by providing the user login information data~~.

Please rewrite the following paragraph beginning on page 2, line 2 of the specification to reflect the changes shown in the following marked up version of this paragraph:

The present application is related to co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. <u>09/665,635</u>——, Attorney Docket No. MBHB00-651, for

METHOD AND SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE FOR ACCESSING AND DISPLAYING DATA IN A CLIENT DEVICE, filed on even date herewith, herein incorporated by reference for all purposes. The present invention relates to co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/664,613———, Attorney Docket No. MBHB00-646, for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY UPDATING INFORMATION IN A CLIENT DEVICE, filed on even date herewith, herein incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Please rewrite the following paragraph beginning on page 20, line 16 of the specification to reflect the changes shown in the following marked up version of this paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a frontal view of a preferred embodiment of client device 320. Client device 320 includes a housing 330 that houses the user input knob 322, input buttons 332 and 334, which are optional, and a display 340. Display 340 is a graphical display device, such as a digital liquid crystal display (LCD), that includes a viewing area 342 in which is displayed an output page for a currently selected channel or, at initialization, a default page. Certain inventive aspects described herein may be embodied in a client device that utilizes a separate display device, such as a television. In still further embodiments, such as that shown in FIG. XX,